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In re Application of:

YASUHIRO NISHIYAMA ET AL.

Serial No. 09/834,085

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For THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

COMPRISING SION FILM (As Amended)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002, Applicants have timely filed this Response to Restriction/Election Requirement by Certificate of Mailing with a one-month time extension.

Applicants elect Group II (Claims 1-14) and Specie I (Thin Film Magnetic Heaving having an SiON gap

In addition, please amend the title to read -- Thin Film Magnetic Head Comprising SiON Film --.

Respectfully submitted,

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